

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were pending when last examined. Claims 1-23 were withdrawn. With this Response, Applicants have amended claims 24 and 25, canceled claims 26 and 27, and added new claims 28-79. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendment can be found at least in FIGS. 1-5 and the corresponding description in the specification.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 24-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,456,725 to Cox et al. (“Cox”) in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/220,558 by Barton et al. (“Barton”). Claims 24-27 have been cancelled without prejudice to later presenting these claims in a continuation.

New Claims

Applicants have added new claims 28-79. Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims are allowable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION


Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the Application, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (415) 772-7493.

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